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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: STARR KIDNAPPING

REF: BOGOTA 5552

1. SINCE TWO MONTHS HAVE NOW ELAPSED FOLLOWING GUARACAS' RELEASE WITHOUT ANY DEFINITE SIGN THAT STARR IS ABOUT TO BE FREED, PC DIRECTOR SORZANO ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT VILLAMIL AGAIN TODAY TO PRESS HIM FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION. SORZANO LEARNED, HOWEVER, FROM VILLAMIL'S NEPHEW THAT VILLAMIL IS NOW IN NEIVA. NEPHEW IS FAMILIAR WITH HIS UNCLE'S ROLE IN STARR CASE AND HAS SAT IN ON SEVERAL MEETINGS THAT SORZANO HAS PREVIOUSLY HELD WITH VILLAMIL. ACCORDINGLY, SORZANO ENLISTED COOPERATION OF NEPHEW, WHO WILL HIMSELF BE TRAVELLING TO NEIVA TOMORROW, RETURNING TO BOGOTA MONDAY JULY 3.

2. SORZANO ASKED NEPHEW TO INFORM VILLAMIL THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED NO FURTHER LETTERS PURPORTING TO COME FROM THE FARC, WHICH COULD BE INTERPRETED AS FURTHER SIGN THAT THE FIRST TWO WERE NOT AUTHENTIC. PRIMARILY, HOWEVER, SORZANO'S MESSAGE TO VILLAMIL FOR THE FARC STRESSED THAT A VERY SUBSTANTIAL PERIOD OF TIME HAS NOW ELAPSED SINCE GUARACAS' RELEASE, A PERIOD THAT SHOULD BE MORE THAN SUFFICIENT FOR STARR'S CAPTORS TO ASSURE THEMSELVES OF GUARACAS' WHEREABOUTS AND SAFETY AND TO UNDERTAKE ARRANGEMENTS

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FOR FREEING STARR, AS THEY HAD PROMISED. NEPHEW AGREED TO FORWARD THIS MESSAGE TO VILLAMIL AND WE HOPE TO HAVE SOME FEEDBACK FROM THE NEPHEW EARLY NEXT WEEK.
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